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COMNAVREGSW INSTRUCTION 6210.1

From: Commander, Navy Region Southwest

Subj: REGULATIONS FOR HANDLING, TRANSPORTING AND  
STERILIZING REGULATED (FOREIGN) GARBAGE IN NAVY  
REGION SOUTHWEST (NRSW) PORTS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6210.2  
(b) NAVSUP P-486, VOL I  
(c) USDA Manual for Agriculture Clearance (Chapter  
3 Monitoring Garbage)  
(d) 7 CFR 330.400  
(e) 9 CFR 94.5  
(f) CCR 770-776, California Agriculture Code

1. Purpose. To establish regulations and provide policy guidance to Commander, Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) personnel in the required handling, transporting, and sterilization of regulated (foreign) garbage.

2. Background. Garbage, as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) means, "all waste material derived in whole or in part from fruits, vegetables, meats, other plant or animal material (including poultry) and other refuse of any character that has been associated with any such material via any means of conveyance, including food scraps, table refuse, galley refuse, food wrappers, or packaging material, and other waste material from stores, food preparation areas, dining rooms, crew quarters or any other areas on board vessels or aircraft." Regulated garbage includes waste material, as defined, "from all foreign countries, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and all other insular possessions of the United States." Garbage from Canada is treated as domestic garbage from the continental United States. The state of California defines garbage the same as USDA, except that California considers garbage from all sources beyond state borders as foreign.

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### 3. Policy

a. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), a division of the USDA, will be notified of all ships and aircraft, including military, government owned and government chartered, arriving from foreign and Hawaiian ports. In addition, the California Department of Food and Agriculture will be notified of all ships arriving from outside its borders and not covered by USDA.

b. All regulated garbage from vessels or aircraft arriving at Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) ports, shall be kept on board in covered, leak-proof containers until USDA has approved removal. Ships personnel shall then transfer the garbage, using leak-proof bags, to the USDA-approved mobile steam sterilizer (Coker), provided by NRSW on the pier near the brow of the generating ship. The cooker will then be transported by Roll-on type truck to the USDA approved steam sterilization site located at Naval Base San Diego (NBSD), Boat Lot #1, adjacent to Kidd Street.

c. Vessels and Aircraft arriving in NRSW ports outside San Diego metropolitan area will have their "Foreign Garbage" collected and sterilized by a USDA approved source. Ships arriving in ports such as Seal Beach or Ventura County can utilize:

Stericycle, Inc.  
2775 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vernon CA. 90023  
(323) 854-7139

Additionally:

(1) For all U.S. military vessels pulling into NRSW ports, having been inspected upon arrival and found to have all U.S. purchased stores, the "24-Hour Rule" applies. That is, all garbage shall be transported and sterilized for the first 24 hours after arrival. After this period, the garbage is considered to be domestic and can be disposed of in the solid waste refuse containers provided on the pier.

(2) For all U.S. military vessels pulling into NRSW ports, having been inspected and found to have regulated stores on board, the "24-Hour Rule" does not apply and all garbage shall be transported and sterilized daily until the USDA confirms regulated stores have been disposed of properly.

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(2) For all U.S. military vessels pulling into NRSW ports, having been inspected and found to have regulated stores on board, the "24-Hour Rule" does not apply and all garbage shall be transported and sterilized daily until the USDA confirms regulated stores have been disposed of properly.

(3) U.S. government owned, U.S. government chartered vessels, and all foreign ships pulling into NRSW ports, the "24-Hour Rule" does not apply and all garbage will be transported and sterilized daily or until the USDA confirms the regulated stores have been disposed of properly.

NOTE: In all cases involving the "24-Hour Rule", the final decision as to eligibility rests with the Officer-in-Charge of the USDA.

d. The regulated garbage collection vehicle shall be capable of loading and transporting the steam sterilization cooker, which shall be a leak-proof metal container, yellow in color, properly fitted with functioning roller type lid and have blue stencils identifying it as "FOREIGN GARBAGE". The transport vehicle shall not deviate from direct transits between the generating ship and NBSD Boat Lot #1.

e. If any spillage of regulated garbage should occur, cleaning and sterilization will be accomplished immediately using approved disinfectants such as solutions of four percent sodium carbonate, "One Stroke Environ" (a commercial product), or any other USDA approved U.S. Navy substitute. USDA will be notified of any spillage.

f. All regulated garbage training shall be approved by the USDA and conducted by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest (NAVFACSW). Transportation drivers and sterilizer operators are required to receive subject training.

g. The steam cooker used to sterilize regulated garbage shall be labeled "FOREIGN GARBAGE" in six inch high navy blue painted letters. A functioning time-temperature recording device shall be maintained and calibrated semi-annually to accurately record each use. The time-temperature recorder disk shall be dated, initialed and filed for review by USDA and California Department of Agriculture officers.

h. All sterilized garbage shall be heated to a uniform 212 degrees F for no less than two hours.

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i. All containers in NBSD Boat Lot #1 utilized to collect and sterilize regulated garbage shall be leak-proof, fitted with roller type lids, closed at all times and labeled "FOREIGN GARBAGE".

j. All containers used to sterilize and transport regulated garbage shall be steam cleaned after use.

k. Sterilized garbage shall be disposed of only in approved landfill sites.

l. **THE COMMINGLING OF REGULATED GARBAGE WITH DOMESTIC GARBAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Domestic garbage is authorized for transport to landfills without sterilization.

4. Action. All personnel associated with handling, transporting, sterilizing, and disposing of regulated garbage shall become familiar with and comply with this instruction in the performance of their duties.

a. Port Operations shall, in cooperation with NRSW Solid Waste Management shall contract with NAVFACSW to provide and operate the steam sterilizing cooker.

b. The regulations set forth in this instruction shall be strictly adhered to. All ships berthing in NRSW ports shall strictly comply with references (a) through (f) in order to assist ships and NAVFACSW in the proper handling, transporting, and sterilization of regulated garbage.



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